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SUBJECT: START FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS, GENEVA (SFO-GVA-V):
(U) RUSSIAN-PROPOSED TREATY ANNEX, SECTION III (PROCEDURES
FOR CONVERSION OR ELIMINATION) (NUMBER 3 OF 6 CABLES)

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START Negotiator. Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (U) This is SFO-GVA-V-024.

[¶2.](#) (U) The text in paragraph 3 below is the official translation of Section III (Procedures for Conversion or Elimination) of the Russian-proposed Treaty Annex to the Russian-proposed New START Treaty. Because of the length of the complete Annex, it is being sent in multiple (six) cables. This is number 3 of 6 cables.

[¶3.](#) (S) Begin text of official translation.

Section III

PROCEDURES FOR CONVERSION OR ELIMINATION

[¶I.](#) Procedures for Conversion or Elimination of ICBM Launchers

[¶1.](#) Elimination of silo launchers of ICBMs shall be carried out in situ and shall be subject to verification by national technical means of verification.

[¶2.](#) Elimination of mobile launchers of ICBMs shall be carried out at conversion or elimination facilities for mobile launchers of ICBMs or at a location to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination and shall be subject to verification by national technical means of verification.

[¶3.](#) Elimination of ICBM launchers shall be carried out

using procedures that are to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination and that provide for rendering them incapable of launching ICBMs.

¶14. An eliminated launcher of ICBMs shall cease to be subject to the limitations provided for in this Treaty after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex.

¶15. An ICBM launcher being eliminated shall remain visible to national technical means of verification during the entire elimination process and for the 30-day period following provision of the notification.

¶16. Conversion of ICBM launchers shall be carried out in such a way that the converted launchers cannot thereafter contain ICBMs of the type for which they were intended prior to conversion and that they have external or functional differences.

¶17. Upon completion of the procedures provided for in paragraph 6 of this Subsection, and after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 6 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex, the converted launcher of ICBMs shall begin to be considered to be an ICBM launcher intended for ICBMs of a different type.

¶18. The fact that an ICBM launcher has been converted or eliminated may be recorded by the inspection team during a visit in accordance with paragraph 10 (sic) of Article XI of this Treaty.

II. Procedures for Conversion or Elimination of SLBM Launchers

¶1. Elimination of SLBM launchers shall be carried out at conversion or elimination facilities for SLBM launchers or at a location to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination and shall be subject to verification by national technical means of verification.

¶2. Elimination of SLBM launchers shall be carried out using procedures to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination, which provide, inter alia, for removal or destruction of the launch-tube hatches and which ensure that the SLBM launchers being eliminated are rendered incapable of launching SLBMs.

¶3. An eliminated launcher of SLBMs shall cease to be subject to the limitations provided for in this Treaty after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex.

¶4. The submarine on which the elimination of SLBM launchers has been conducted shall remain visible to national technical means of verification for the 30-day period following provision of the notification.

¶5. Conversion of SLBM launchers shall be carried out in such a way that the converted launchers cannot thereafter contain SLBMs of the type for which they were intended prior to conversion and that they have external or functional differences.

¶6. Upon completion of the procedures provided for in paragraph 5 of this Subsection, and after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 6 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex, the converted launcher of SLBMs shall begin to be considered to be an SLBM launcher intended for SLBMs of a different type.

¶7. The fact that an SLBM launcher has been converted or eliminated may be recorded by the inspection team during a visit in accordance with paragraph 10 (sic) of Article XI of this Treaty.

III. Procedures for Conversion or Elimination of Heavy Bombers

¶1. Conversion or elimination of HBs shall be carried out at conversion or elimination facilities for HBs or at a location to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination and shall be subject to verification by national technical means of verification.

¶2. Elimination of heavy bombers shall be carried out using procedures to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination, which provide for removal or destruction of the basic design elements and which ensure that a heavy bomber is rendered inoperable.

¶3. Eliminated heavy bombers shall cease to be subject to the limitations provided for in this Treaty after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex.

¶4. An eliminated heavy bomber shall remain visible to national technical means of verification during the entire elimination process and for the 30-day period following provision of the notification.

¶5. Conversion of heavy bombers shall be carried out in such a way that the converted heavy bombers have external or functional differences indicating that they cannot perform tasks involving the armaments with which they were equipped prior to conversion.

¶6. Upon completion of the procedures provided for in paragraph 5 of this Subsection, and after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 6 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex, the converted heavy bomber shall begin to be considered to be a heavy bomber of a different category.

¶7. The fact that a heavy bomber has been converted or eliminated may be recorded by the inspection team during a visit in accordance with paragraph 10 (sic) of Article XI of this Treaty.

IV. Procedures for Elimination of ICBMs and SLBMs

¶1. Elimination of ICBMs and SLBMs shall be carried out at conversion or elimination facilities or at a location to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination.

¶2. Elimination of ICBMs and SLBMs shall be carried out using procedures to be determined by the Party conducting the elimination, which ensure that they are rendered inoperable, precluding their use for their original purpose.

¶3. Eliminated ICBMs and SLBMs shall cease to be subject to the limitations provided for in this Treaty after the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex.

¶4. After elimination has been completed and the notification has been provided, solid-propellant ICBMs and SLBMs, including mobile ICBMs, shall remain visible to national technical means of verification for the 30-day period following provision of the notification.

¶5. The fact that ICBMs and SLBMs have been eliminated may be recorded by the inspection team during a visit in accordance with paragraph 10 (sic) of Article XI of this Treaty.

¶V. Procedures for Elimination of Facilities

¶1. Each Party shall carry out the elimination of declared facilities as provided for in paragraph 2 of Article VII of this Treaty.

¶2. Any declared facility shall be considered to be

eliminated for the purposes of the Treaty if all strategic offensive arms specified for such a facility have been removed or eliminated and the notification has been provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of Subsection IV of Section IV of this Annex.

¶3. The fact that a facility has been eliminated may be recorded by the inspection team during a visit in accordance with paragraph 10 (sic) of Article XI of this Treaty.

End text.

¶4. (U) Gottemoeller sends.
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